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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 23 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

Briefing by the Secretariat

East Timor

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

Announcement

An open debate of the Security Council will be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.5 *(item 101 (b))*

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. II, A/54/7 and A/54/16, (Part II: Political affairs, Section 3. Political affairs, Section 4. Disarmament, Section 5. Peacekeeping operations, Section 6. Peaceful uses of outer space, Part III: International justice and law, Section 7. International Court of Justice, Section 8. Legal affairs (A/53/643)))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 126 (United Nations common system (A/54/30, A/53/688, A/54/434, A/54/483 and A/C.5/54/24))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 2

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.15/Rev.1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL)

INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

9 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
2.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (a)

The delegation of Sweden invites all delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance to the United Nations", to be held *today*, 23 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations *today*, 23 November, at 10 a.m., and *tomorrow*, 24 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The informal consultations will focus on the draft text of a political declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). Informal consultations will also be held during the week of 29 November focusing on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

Announcements

SECOND COMMITTEE

Copies of the compilation of amendments proposed to draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.36 (Trade and development) (item 97 (c)) on the basis of written submissions are available in room S-2950.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 23 November 1999

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room C-209

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting: on environmental issues and women in development)

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting: on all pending issues)

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

Special meeting

The closed meeting of an Ad Hoc Expert Group on "Revisiting the Diversification of African Economies in the New Global Context", organized by the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries (OSCAL) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), will continue *today*, 23 November, 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. The meeting will be chaired by Dr. Ademola Oyedije, Professor of Economics at the University of Ibadan (Nigeria) and former member of the Committee for Development Policy. For further information, please contact Ms. Leslie Wade (tel: (212) 963-4420).

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) will be held *today*, 23 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 24 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9 a.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by several Member States (A/54/235) [8]

10 a.m. 62nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Oceans and the law of the sea [40]:

   (a) Law of the sea:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/429 and Corr.1 (English only) and Corr.2 (French only))

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.31)

   (b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/461)

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.28)

   (c) Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas":

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/429 and Corr.1 (English only) and Corr.2 (French only))

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.32)

2. Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal: draft resolution (A/54/L.26) [22]

3. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [41]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/447)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.35)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 2
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the 43rd meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of the Russian Federation invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on the assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, to be held on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in the suite of offices of Conference Room 3.

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The Disarmament Commission will hold open-ended informal consultations on its substantive agenda items and other organizational matters on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will hold closed informal consultations with members of the Committee on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room E, to discuss further the proposed draft resolution on agenda item 18, which will be taken up in the plenary of the General Assembly.

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The third session of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court will be held from 29 November to 17 December 1999, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 53/105 of 10 December 1998.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, 29 November 1999, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977.

All representatives of Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies, as well as observers, are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity should be sent to room S-3362 (United Nations Headquarters).

Exhibit

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian art exhibit entitled "Follow the Star: Images from the Palestinian City of Bethlehem at the New Millennium", in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed from Monday, 29 November, to Sunday, 12 December 1999, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

The formal opening of the exhibit will be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the films entitled "Yoom ilak, Yoom aleik: Palestinian Refugees from Jerusalem, 1948: Heritage, Eviction and Hope", and "Mahmoud Darwish: As The Land is The Language." Both films will be shown on Monday, 29 November, 1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarksjöld Library Auditorium. The film on Mahmoud Darwish can be viewed at the exhibit area from Tuesday, 30 November, to Friday, 10 December, during exhibit hours.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Economic and Social Council, to consider all outstanding matters, will take place on Thursday, 9 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. Informal consultations on pending issues will take place on Monday, 6 December, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. The conference room will be announced.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian Group of the Whole on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Politmetrics: Indicators and Measurements of Social Integration", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber and from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Dr. Monty G. Marshall, Senior Research Associate, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special presentation

There will be a presentation on "Social Policy in a Development Context" by Mr. Thandika Mkandawire, Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), on Friday, 3 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile), is organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fei Cheng (tel.: (212) 963-7882).

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 15 December 1999.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in the year 2000. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing, jointly with the German Management Academy (DMAN) and with support from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the second session in the series entitled "Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development". Session II will be on "Financing for Development Through Public-Private Partnership." The workshop will be held on the following dates: Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 8 December, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a nomination form and a draft programme, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 30 November 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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There will be a technical workshop, organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Program on Security and Development (SAND) of the Monterrey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) and the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss a draft Light Weapons Field Guide for Development and Humanitarian Relief Workers. The workshop will be chaired by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala. Members of permanent missions and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. Copies of the draft Field Guide may be retrieved from the office of Mr. David Biggs, Conventional Arms Branch, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3170G; tel.: (212) 963-5598).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 19 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 53rd meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.94

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Burundi and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.99

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Algeria orally corrected the draft resolution and announced that Colombia and Spain had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Bangladesh, Chile, Haiti, Jamaica, Portugal, Suriname, the Republic of Korea, the United States and Venezuela joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committed adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions

A/C.3/54/L.62 and amendments in A/C.3/54/L.101

A statement was made by the Chairman.

Statements were made by the representative of Finland, and by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan, who spoke on points of order.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement of clarification.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

A statement was made by the Chairman.

After a statement was made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Committee agreed to postpone action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.62.

Statements were then made by the representatives of Algeria, Finland, Canada, the Syrian Arab Republic, Pakistan, China and Cuba.

Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.83

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the corrections which had been made to the text at the time of its introduction.

It was announced that Croatia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Belarus, Brazil, Cameroon, the Congo, Costa Rica, Eritrea, Ghana, Liechtenstein, Panama, the Republic of Moldova, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Sierra Leone and Togo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Pakistan requested a recorded separate vote on operative paragraph 8 of the text.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Cuba and China.

The Committee decided to retain operative paragraph 8 by a recorded vote of 120 to none, with 27 abstentions.

Statements were made by the representatives of Benin and Singapore.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as a whole, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 141 to none, with 12 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.76

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Finland, Iceland, Malta and the Republic of Korea had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Sweden orally revised the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of Myanmar.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote, after which statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, Canada and Japan.

54th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.91

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Russian Federation announced that Afghanistan, Croatia and Iceland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Cyprus joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Ukraine.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.95

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the revisions which had been made to the text at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Denmark further revised and corrected the text and announced that Croatia, Gabon, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, the Bahamas, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Micronesia (Federated States of), Panama and the Solomon Islands joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised and corrected, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Singapore.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 111.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution

Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.71/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Chairman read out the oral correction that had been made to the text at the time of its introduction.

A statement was made by the representative of Egypt.

It was announced that Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Bhutan, Botswana, Burundi, Chad, the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Guyana, Jamaica, Malawi, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, the Niger, Papua New Guinea, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Swaziland, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago and Zimbabwe had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Cameroon, Gabon and Mauritius joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Algeria, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Cuba.

The representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) proposed an amendment to the text of the draft resolution, after which the representative of Egypt requested a recorded vote on the proposed amendment.

The representative of Pakistan spoke on a point of order.

The representative of Japan, also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand, made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The amendment was rejected by a recorded vote of 44 to 92, with 22 abstentions.

A statement was made by the representative of Madagascar.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution as a whole.

The representative of Chile made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as a whole, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 100 to 1, with 59 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of Cape Verde.

Human rights questions [116]

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Action on draft resolutions

Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.58

The Committee had before it a draft resolution submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Chairman orally revised the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote, after which a statement was made by the representative of Pakistan.

Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.60 and amendments contained in A/C.3/64/L.92

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Chairman read out the revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

It was announced that Malta and Slovakia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Finland further orally revised the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States withdrew as a sponsor of the draft resolution.

The representative of the Russian Federation withdrew the amendment contained in A/C.3/54/L.92.

Statements were made by the representatives of Iraq, who requested a vote on the resolution, the Syrian Arab Republic, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Suriname and Haiti.

The representative of the Russian Federation requested a recorded vote jointly on operative paragraphs 2 (a), 3 (g), 3 (i) and 3 (j) in the text of the draft resolution.

The Committee decided to retain the paragraphs by a recorded vote of 91 to 1, with 54 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote on the draft resolution as a whole were made by the representatives of the United States, Egypt, the Sudan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Benin.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as a whole, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 96 to 2, with 51 abstentions.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Benin and Pakistan.

Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.63

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Malta, Monaco, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and the United States had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Finland orally revised the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in which he asked for a vote on the draft resolution.

The representative of Finland made a statement in which he proposed a postponement of the consideration of the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of the United States, after which the Committee decided to postpone consideration of the draft resolution until Monday 22, November.

Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.87/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the revisions which had been to the text at the time of its introduction, after which a statement was made by the representative of Rwanda.

It was announced that Chile, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic and Iceland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Australia, Japan, New Zealand and the United States joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised, without a vote.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Rwanda and Finland; after the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of Rwanda.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Iraq and Kuwait.

Monday, 22 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

60th plenary meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/619) [20]:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations [20 (a)]:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/154 and Add.1)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.17/Rev.1)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries and regions [20 (b)]:

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/129/Rev.1, A/54/130/Rev.1, A/54/153, A/54/278, A/54/294, A/54/295, A/54/296, A/54/350, A/54/421, A/54/462, A/54/534)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.29)

(c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster [20 (c)]:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/449)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.22)

(d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/217) [20 (d)]:

(e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/134) [20 (e)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Tajikistan, Uganda, the Sudan, Pakistan, Israel and Grenada.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 58th plenary meeting, the observer of Switzerland made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/6 of 16 October 1990, the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/265 of 24 August 1994, the observer for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/2 of 19 October 1994, the observer for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.17/Rev.1 (resolution 54/30).

The Vice-President informed the Assembly that action on draft resolutions A/54/L.22 and A/54/L.29, as well as further draft resolution to be submitted under this item, would be taken at a later date.

Oceans and the law of the sea [40]:

(a) Law of the sea:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/429 and Corr.1 (English only) and Corr.2 (French only))

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.31)

(b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, relating to the conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/461)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.28)

(c) Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and sea":

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/429) and Corr.1 (English only) and Corr.2 (French only))

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.32)

The representative of Finland made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/54/L.31, and also made a statement on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

The representative of the United States made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.28.

The representative of New Zealand made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/54/L.32.

The representative of Fiji made a statement (also on behalf of Australia, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu).

61st plenary meeting

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(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.28)

(c) Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and sea":

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/429) and Corr.1 (English only) and Corr.2 (French only))

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.32)

Statements were made by the representatives of Papua New Guinea, Ukraine, Norway, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Japan, Egypt, Solomon Islands, the Philippines, Jamaica, Iceland, Guatemala, China, Croatia, Slovakia, India, the Russian Federation and Viet Nam.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 55th and 56th meetings

Note: The summary of the 55th and 56th meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/226).

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MONDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 1999

38th meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

The Committee held a preliminary discussion of the concluding observations regarding the second periodic report of Argentina (E/1990/6/Add.16) in closed meeting.

The Committee began the public part of its consideration of the initial report of Armenia (E/ 1990/5/Add.16).

39th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of the initial report of Armenia (E/1990/5/Add.16).

In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Technical Prescriptions for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be fitted and/or be used on Wheeled Vehicles and the Conditions for Reciprocal Recognition of Approvals Granted on the Basis of These Prescriptions. Geneva, 20 March 1958

Accession: Bulgaria (22 November 1999)*

Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. Espoo, Finland, 25 February 1991

Ratification: Slovakia (19 November 1999)*

Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971

Accession: Ukraine (18 November 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Accession: Uganda (22 November 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania will hold a memorial service to pay tribute to the first President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Mr. Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, *today*, 23 November 1999, at 5.30 p.m. at the Holy Family Church (315 East 47th Street). All are invited.

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